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CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM

Pennsylvania

Monocacy River Watershed

TREE FARM GENERAL HABITAT SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Christmas Tree Farms

This questionnaire provides a way of rating your property for important wildlife habitat for this watershed. "Old Field" habitats are essential for a variety of wildlife, providing "brushy" or un-mowed areas large enough to allow nesting and provide safety from predators. "Old Field" habitats typically have grasses, broadleaved plants, and shrubs or young trees.

These questions will help determine if the land you wish to enroll in the Conservation Security Program (CSP) meets quality criteria for a wildlife Resource Management System (RMS). Please read and answer each question by checking Yes or No.

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| 1. Does at least one-third of the land you are offering to enroll (for example, 35 acres per 100 acres) have a grass and broadleaved plant under-story that is <u>not</u> mowed or sprayed with herbicide annually? | ___ | ___ |
| 2. Do grasses comprise at least one-third of the groundcover in the area described in Question No. 1? | ___ | ___ |
| 3. Do broadleaved plants (not shrubs or trees) comprise at least one-third of the groundcover in the areas described in Question No. 1? | ___ | ___ |
| 4. Do shrubs or young trees (maximum 15 ft. height) comprise one-third to two-thirds of the area described in Question No. 1? | ___ | ___ |

Tree Farm/"Old Field" Habitat Maintenance Narrative

(645) Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Tree Farm) -- In this field(s), the groundcover will be maintained in grasses and broadleaved plants. At least one-third of the groundcover will not be mowed or sprayed with herbicide each year. Between one-third and two-thirds of the field(s) will be in shrubs or young trees (less than 15 feet tall).